

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1395

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

February 22, 2005

An act relating to international relations.

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AB 1395, as introduced, Nunez. California–Mexico relations.

Existing law generally provides for programs administered by various state agencies regarding issues of concern between California and Mexico.

This bill would require the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to coordinate an interagency California–Mexico Relations Ten Year Plan to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares as
2 follows:
3 (1) The California Research Bureau recently identified in its
4 “Inventory of Mexico Related Projects Conducted by California
5 State Agencies,” more than 100 programs, initiatives, projects,
6 and partnerships that exist at the state level, and are operated by
7 11 departments and agencies and eight boards and commissions.
8 (2) Programs generally fall into the areas of trade,
9 immigration, environmental protection, energy, transportation,
10 health, and homeland security.

1 (3) The Office of California–Mexico Affairs, previously
2 housed within the former Technology, Trade, and Commerce
3 Agency, is not active in coordinating these programs. There is a
4 need to develop a state government structure that will provide
5 effective coordination of various state agency efforts, as well as a
6 thoughtful and collaborative assessment of current and future
7 program development that will serve the needs of both California
8 and Mexico in the 21st century.

9 (b) In order to meet these needs, the Secretary of Business,
10 Transportation and Housing shall coordinate an interagency
11 California–Mexico Relations Ten Year Plan to be submitted to
12 the Governor and the Legislature no later than July 1, 2006.
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